



Sexual Assault Kit Task Force

Monthly Report

January 2018

Status of Mayor Strickland's Executive Order

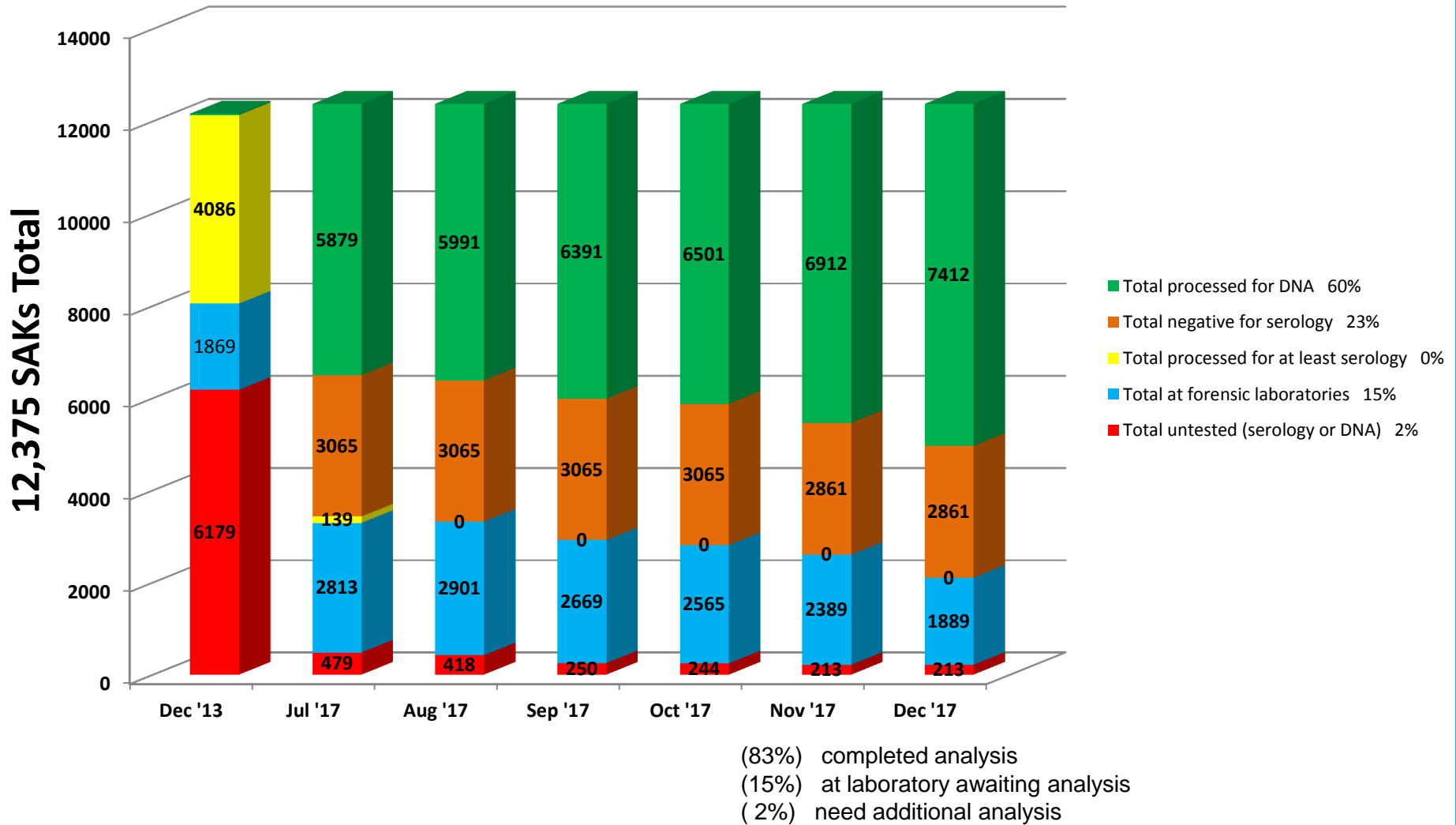
	Executive Order Action	Status
✓	Test every kit in our inventory that is need of additional forensic testing	<u>Progress:</u> Shipping and testing continues
✓	Investigate leads and examine all cases coming from testing of those kits	<u>Progress:</u> New investigations initiated every month. New indictments requested every month. MPD has a full time unit devoted to this project.
✓	Continue to refine our approach and capacity for victim notification and trauma informed care and support to survivors	<u>Progress:</u> SOP is reviewed and input is sought from Rape Crisis Center, Joyful Heart Foundation, and our national partners to make sure our efforts are victim centered.
✓	Prosecute to the fullest extent of the law individuals who are identified as suspects resulting from this additional forensic testing	<u>Progress:</u> Complete thorough investigations and present requests for indictments to the Shelby County District Attorney General on all cases that can be prosecuted. All cases that cannot be prosecuted are reviewed by SAK Working Group team members to make sure everyone is in agreement on prosecution of the case.
✓	Collaborate with, and participate in the national and state dialogue about best practices in in all areas related to matters of sexual assault;	<u>Progress:</u> SAK TF participates in national discussions and training through Summit for Cities Series, Joyful Heart Foundation, SAKI training, and the SAFER (Sexual Assault Facts, Education, and Response)
✓	Continue the community dialogue in Memphis about sexual assault and domestic violence, including a deliberate effort to get information in the hands of victims and survivors who need it most;	<u>Ongoing.</u> First Community Meeting was Wednesday, January 22, 2014 2PM-3:30 PM at Airways station. Memphis Says No More (MSNM) Campaign was launched May 1, 2015. MSNM is meeting with small community groups at their location . MSNM is distributing awareness material to groups and coordinating a media campaign that includes radio and billboard advertisements.

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Investigation Results MTD

2612/2647 Investigations have been initiated:

710/687 Investigations remain active: 26%

1902/1960 Investigations are closed: 74%

321/334 Individuals were identified that had been previously convicted of the crime: 17%

260/270 Requests for indictments have been completed against persons or DNA profiles: 14%

- **171/172** named suspects (51 multi case suspects) 62% of indictments
- **99/105** John Does (2 suspects on one case) 38% of indictments
 - **27/30** John Does are now named (8 multi case suspects) 29% of John Does
 - 1 Named John Doe is deceased

216/220 victims/suspects are deceased: 11%

- **63/64** suspects (does not include the deceased John Doe) 3%
- **153/156** victims: 8%

175/185 victims declined to participate: 9%

53/53 unable to locate victim: 3%

375/389 cases past the statute of limitations: 20%

120/122 prosecution declined: 6%

215/220 insufficient/degraded DNA: 11%

39/39 cases no crime occurred: 2%

54/54 consensual partner: 3%

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Prosecution Results



Rape: March , 2003

- The two suspects entered the victims' apartment
- One suspect raped the victim
- CODIS hit came back to Christopher Branch November, 2015
- Christopher Branch was indicted for this crime December, 2015

On 1/8/2018, Christopher Branch plead guilty to **Rape.**

8 Year Sentence, SOR for life

The victim agreed to the plea.

GPS Program 1/18/18

363 Devices in Use

- 62 Sex Crimes Defendants with devices
- 18 Sex Crimes Victims electing to carry devices
- 228 DV Defendants with devices
- 55 DV Victims electing to carry devices

251 Total Arrests

15 Arrests in 2018



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Violence, Victims and Trauma 2018

- A public session featuring national experts on the community response to trauma on January 29, 2018 @ Memphis Bioworks 6pm to 9pm- 20 Dudley Street
- A conference for area law enforcement, counselors, advocates and prosecutors featuring national and local experts on the impact of trauma on victims of sexual and domestic violence on January 30, 2018

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